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Attorney General's Office Presents Oral Arguments in Former Trooper Tied to KKK Case

Note: A sound bite on this topic is available at: <http://www.ago.ne.gov>

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning's office today presented oral arguments to the Nebraska Supreme Court in the case of Robert Henderson.

Henderson, a former Nebraska State Patrol trooper, was terminated from his position in March of 2006 after an investigation determined he had joined a group associated with the Ku Klux Klan.

An outside arbitrator later decided Henderson should be reinstated. In October of 2006, a hearing was held in Lancaster County District Court where the state asked the judge to set aside the arbitrator's decision. The judge agreed with the state and said the State Patrol was not required to reinstate Henderson. Henderson then appealed to the Nebraska Supreme Court.

"A man who embraces racism and white supremacy shouldn't be allowed to carry a gun and a badge," said Bruning. "The State Patrol is here to protect and serve all people."

The Attorney General's Civil Litigation Bureau Chief Tom Stine is handling the case.

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